

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, lines 2-11:

Consider the case of a call between two mobile stations in two separate cells A and B.

The entities of the system handling the call for each mobile station are respectively:

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- base station subsystems BSSA and BSSB (which include the base transceiver station (BTS) and base station controller (BSC) entities) for functions relating to transmission over the radio interface), and

- transcoders TCA and TCB for the transcoding function.

Page 8, lines 5-10:

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Thus in this example the common coding mode selected for TFO mode in step 3' is HR mode. Consequently, and in contrast to Figure 1, the mobile station in cell A retains the HR mode initially selected but the coding mode is changed from ~~EFR~~FR mode to HR mode for the mobile station in cell B.

Page 9, lines 6-21:

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To avoid tandem mode, in a second time period, and on detection of the results obtained after steps 1" to 4", a method similar to that shown in Figure 1 can be adopted, the corresponding steps being here denoted 1"', 2"', 3"' and 4"' (note that the exchanges of signaling between BSSB and TCB during steps 4" and 1____, as shown in Figure 3, might be omitted). The list of coding modes supported by the mobile station in cell A is then a non-shortened list (in this instance comprising the HR, FR and EFR modes) and the list of coding modes supported by the mobile

13 station in cell B is still a non-shortened list (in this instance comprising the FR and EFR modes).

~~13~~ As shown by means of corresponding tables in Figure 3, the common coding mode selected in step 3''' is EFR mode (the mode initially selected for the mobile station in cell B).
